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BUTTE

Dr. Arnold W. Brockmole has been **appointed health officer** of Butte County, replacing Dr. Ronald Hewitt, who was serving pro tem. Dr. Brockmole was formerly assistant county health officer, epidemiologist and director of communicable disease control at Evansville, Indiana.

LOS ANGELES

Two grants totalling \$117,300 for two research projects being carried on at **St. Joseph Hospital**, Burbank, were awarded recently by the National Institutes of Health of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The hospital will receive \$77,300 for a study directed by Dr. Peter F. Salisbury on mechanisms that influence the circulation of blood. The other grant, of \$40,000, was made to support work by Dr. I. Alfred Breckler on the development of an oxygenator of a new kind that uses ultrasonic principles to promote the interchange of gasses in the blood.

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The 30th annual meeting of the **Aero Medical Association** will be held April 27 to 29 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles. To be held in conjunction with this meeting are meetings of the Airlines Medical Directors Association and the Civil Aviation Medical Association.

Announcement of the meeting said that there are to be 150 scientific papers covering the entire field of aviation and space medicine.

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Dr. G. E. Norward has been appointed assistant dean of the College of Medical Evangelists. He had been a member of the faculty for several years as assistant clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

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The **Los Angeles Doctors' Symphony Orchestra** named the following new officers at its recent annual elections: Lester M. Morrison, M.D., president; Jesse Younger, M.D., vice-president; William Curry, D.D.S., secretary; Jack Brody, M.D., treasurer; Mrs. Jack Brody, librarian.

The Los Angeles Doctors' Symphony Orchestra, a five-year-old, nonprofit organization sponsored by the Los Angeles County Medical Association, holds weekly rehearsals and gives two symphonic concerts yearly for charitable purposes.

RIVERSIDE

Two associate professors of chemistry at University of Redlands are joint recipients of a **research grant** of \$5,500 announced recently by the Riverside County Heart Association. The grant is to support studies they are carrying out on the nature of the protein molecule.

MERCED

Dr. Gerald D. Wood of Merced has been installed as president of the Merced County Medical Society and Dr. Bruce E. McDowell was elected president-elect. Other officers elected are Dr. Zdenek Fluss, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Addison Udall, vice-president.

SAN FRANCISCO

The annual concert of the San Francisco Medical Society Symphony Orchestra to be played April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Memorial Temple will be dedicated to the **memory of Dr. Frederic C. Bost**, who died in February of this year.

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Under a \$255,000 grant from the Russell Sage Foundation, **Stanford Medical School** will establish a **new teaching and research** program that combines social sciences with medicine.

Students and faculty of the medical school and of the departments of sociology, psychology, and anthropology will collaborate. The program will begin next fall when the medical school moves into its new \$20 million center on the campus.

The Russell Sage grant will provide basic support for the first five years. It will finance a beginning staff, student fellowships, and some research. Nurses, social workers, and other members of the health team are expected to join the program eventually.

Long-range plans were developed from studies supported by an earlier grant from the foundation. The planners included Associate Dean Lyman M. Stowe of the medical school, and Professors Rodney R. Beard of preventive medicine, Thomas A. Gonda of psychiatry, and Edmund H. Volkart of sociology. Professor Volkart will direct the program during its first year.

SOLANO

Dr. Robert W. Hoellwarth, Vallejo, was installed as president of the Solano County Medical Society at a recent meeting of the organization, and Dr. Elwin W. Midgely, formerly secretary-treasurer, was named president-elect. Dr. Hoellwarth succeeded Dr. George M. Budd, who was elected a director. Dr. Douglas J. Woodward was elected secretary-treasurer.

VENTURA

The **Ventura County Heart Association** recently announced award of three grants totalling \$16,950 in aid of research in three California institutions. The grants, all for research into the relation of blood lipids to arterial disease, were:

To Dr. Laurance Kinsell, Institute of Metabolic Research, Highland Alameda County Hospital, \$10,000.

To Dr. Jessie Marmorston, University of Southern California School of Medicine, \$5,000.

To Dr. Lyon Chaikoff, department of physiology, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, \$1,950.

GENERAL

A **California Medical Eye Council** was organized during the recent California Medical Association meeting in San Francisco by a statewide group of ophthalmologists to implement the educational activities of the National Medical Foundation for Eye Care on the state level. A prime purpose of the organization is to inform the public of the importance of a medical examination of the eye for the purpose of **recognizing glaucoma** in its early stages when it may still respond to conservative treatment.

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The Western Section of the **American Urological Association** will hold its 35th annual convention at the Fairgrounds at Monterey, May 17 through 21, 1959. Further information may be obtained from Dr. James Ownby, Jr., 516 Sutter Street, San Francisco.